

County of San Luis Obispo HEALTH COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, June 8, 2006 (Board of Supervisors Chambers)

Members Present: Lynn Enns (Chair), Deborah Donnelly, Pam Heatherington, Jan Hicks, Sara Horne, James Mase, M.D., Donald Pinkel, M.D., Tom Hale, M.D., Susan Warren

Members Absent: Penny Chamousis, David Odell

Staff Present: Jeff Hamm, Greg Thomas, M.D., Sonja Thompson (recorder)

Speakers: Ira J. Chasnoff, M.D., President/Medical Director, Children's Research Triangle

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action	Who/When
1. CALL TO ORDER	Meeting called to order by Chair Enns at 6:05 p.m. Dr. Thomas introduced Jeff Hamm, the new Health Agency Director.		
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 8, 2006	Minutes were approved with the following corrections: Page 2, first sentence change "agricultural waters" to "agricultural areas."	<i>Minutes approved as amended.</i>	1 st – Horne 2 nd – Heatherington Approved – All
3. PUBLIC COMMENT	Biz Steinberg, Economic Opportunity Commission addressed the issue with the Health Commission receiving the Ombudsman Report in a timely manner.		
4. PRESENTATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHILDREN'S ASSESSMENT CENTER	<p>Ira J. Chasnoff, M.D. President/Medical Director, Children's Research Triangle provided an update on the establishment of the Children's Assessment Center in San Luis Obispo. Dr. Chasnoff and team met the clinical director candidates and the pediatricians. They have seen the new space and are working with county architects. The group will be meeting with the MOCPOC (Model of Care Partnership Oversight Committee), the governing board that consists of major agency department heads and private and public representatives that are overseeing this countywide initiative. The clinical staff selected will receive training in Chicago in August and over the next two years will work side by side with the Children's Research Triangle. Lisa Fraser, SLOCAP is heading up Beginnings, focusing on prenatal issues and working to find funding to put together public health campaigns.</p> <p>The purpose of the Children's Assessment Center is to interrupt the cycle of allowing the condition of biologically vulnerable children to worsen by placing them into the child welfare system. A number of mental health diagnoses made in drug and alcohol exposed children are biologically based, (i.e., anxiety and group disorders, depression, processing disorders and ADHD). Candidates for the children center have emotional, mental health problems, or developmental and emotional issues.</p> <p>Children referred to the center will go through a full multidisciplinary assessment. A mental health psychologist and specialist, pediatricians, occupational/physical</p>		

	<p>therapists, speech and language therapists, and public health nurses will all be located at the center. Some will be referred into treatment in the community through Tri-Counties Regional Center or community based providers, and some children will receive services at the children's center.</p> <p><u>Commissioner Comments</u> <i>Research studies have shown that any alcohol use during pregnancy produces a three times increase risk of delinquent behavior in the child. Donnelly would like to see more pregnant women receiving education from their physicians. ACOG published an ethics statement "It is the ethical obligation of every obstetrician to talk to every pregnant woman about the dangers of alcohol use during pregnancy." ACOG did a study and found that 80% of obstetricians tell pregnant women it's ok to drink during pregnancy.</i></p>		
5. PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT	<p>Dr. Thomas thanked Dr. Chasnoff for his presentation. He referred to his written report; a copy is filed with the official record of this meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Syringe Exchange Program implementation is on the July 18th Board of Supervisors agenda for recommended approval. • Pandemic Influenza Preparedness - Anna Elliott, Infection Control nurse is working with Public Health in coordinating a pandemic community forum June 23rd. • Mosquito Abatement/Surveillance – no birds have tested positive this year for West Nile Virus. • Budget Hearings are scheduled for June 19th and 20th. There are currently 25 vacancies in Public Health and 24 vacancies in Behavioral Health. • HIV Names Reporting is now in effect in California. This replaces reporting by "unique identifier" which has been difficult and somewhat unreliable. • Plague Alarm – Lab Results resulted in a mistaken identity. The ground squirrel was from another county. However, it was a test of Public Health's ability to develop and disseminate timely information on a major holiday weekend. 	Handouts: <i>Copy of Director's Report</i>	
6. HEALTH COMMISSION UPDATES	<p>CHAIR UPDATE: Chair Enns: No Report COMMISSIONER UPDATES: Commissioner Pinkel: Requested a follow-up on community education for Veteran's health care. Commissioner Heatherington: No report Commissioner Mase: No report Commissioner Odell: absent Commissioner Chamousis: absent Commissioner Hale: No report Commissioner Hicks: No report</p>		

	<p>Commissioner Horne: No report</p> <p>Commissioner Donelly: HIV Consortium meeting cancelled last month.</p> <p>Commissioner Warren: Not able to attend Advisory Board meeting due to health issues. Concerned that the minutes are not available to the Public.</p>		
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<p><u>Legislative:</u> No report</p> <p><u>Nominating:</u> Committee recommendations for officers are Lynn Enns for Chair, Jan Hicks for Vice Chair, and Penny Chamousis for Secretary. Recommendations for replacements are Ed Guerena to replace Thomas Hale (director provider) and Robert Thielscher to replace Donald Pinkel (consumer). Recommendation was made for reappointment of Commissioners Heatherington, Hicks, Mase, Odell, and Warren. Recommendations for alternate positions are: director provider, Jean Raymond and Martin Craven, indirect provider, Mary Jane Sage, Roberta Hart, Garilee Cave, Juliette Joyce, and for consumer is Nora Kelly.</p> <p><u>Budget:</u> no report</p> <p><u>Community Education:</u> no report</p>	<p><i>A motion was made to approve the appointment of officers as recommended.</i></p> <p><i>A motion to approve the appointment of new members as recommended.</i></p> <p><i>A motion was made to approve recommended reappointments</i></p>	<p>1st Heatherington 2nd Hale Approved – all</p> <p>1st Horne 2nd Pinkel Approved – all</p> <p>1st Horne 2nd Pinkel Approved - all</p>
9. PROSPECTIVE FUTURE ITEMS	<p>Next meeting will be on Monday, August 14, 2006 at the New Board of Supervisors Chambers.</p> <p>August: GMO Task Force Final Report (possible action) Paradox in Paradise Report (Joel Diringer)</p> <p>Sept: Agroterrorism Planning Update Pandemic Flu Planning Update Vulnerable Population LTC Ombudsman</p>		
10. ADJOURNMENT	Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.		Hicks/Horne/All